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SUBJECT: WEIZMAN SKEWERS DINITZ: AN APOLOGY

1. WEIZMAN CALLED ME LATE LAST NIGHT TO ASK THAT I
CONVEY TO YOU HIS SINCERE APOLOGIES FOR YOUR "HAVING
BEEN MIS-LEAD BY DINITZ." HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM SOUTH
LEBANON AND DINITZ HAD CALLED HIM AT HOME TO REPORT YOU
WERE VERY ANGRY ABOUT THE "MIS-INFORMATION" YOU HAD RE-
CEIVED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO IDF OPERATIONS NORTH OF
THE LITANI.

2. WEIZMAN SAID THE LAST THING HE WANTED WAS TO GIVE YOU
THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU WERE BEING MIS-LEAD BY THE ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT. ANYTHING RPT ANYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW
ABOUT ISRAELI OPERATIONS OR INTENTIONS IN SOUTH LEBANON
HE WOULD PERSONALLY MAKE AVAILABLE TO YOU. MEANWHILE,
ASIDE FROM THE SINGLE COMMANDO RAID ON ADIUN (BETWEEN
SIDON AND TYRE), HE WANTED TO ASSURE YOU THAT THERE
WERE NO IDF FORCES NORTH OF THE LITANI "AND THERE WILL
BE NONE." HE SAID DINITZ HAD "ROYALLY (EXPLETIVE DELETED)
ON THIS ONE" AND HE WAS PERSONALLY VERY EMBARRASSED AND UP-
SET ABOUT IT.

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3. I TOLD HIM I UNDERSTOOD YOU WERE VERY ANGRY ABOUT THE
INCIDENT AND I WOULD PASS ON HIS APOLOGY. HE REITERATED
THAT "THE LAST THING I WANT TO DO IS TWIDDLE
AROUND WITH MY GOOD FRIEND CY VANCE."

4. WEIZMAN WAS STILL STEWING ABOUT THIS WHEN I SAW HIM

AT THE AIRPORT THIS MORNING, I DECIDED THE BEST THING
WAS TO LET HIM KEEP STEWING AD SO I SAID NOTHING MORE.
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